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Land grabbing, encroachment debated at MUDA meeting

Legislators accuse officials; seek SIT probe

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (RK&DM)- The issue of increasing incidents of encroachment and illegal acquisition of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) properties by private individuals figured prominently at the MUDA meeting held yesterday where several Legislators, who also serve as MUDA Council Members, have called for a thorough investigation.

They have demanded either a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) or an inquiry led by a retired High Court Judge to look into cases of land grabbing.

During the meeting chaired by DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the MUDA Chairman, the Legislators highlighted attempts to seize approximately 27.34 acres of land within Dattagalli Survey Nos. 27/1, 27/2, 27/4, 29/1a, 32/3, 8/1 and 38/2.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the authorities' response to land grabbers and encroachers, the Members raised questions about the failure of MUDA officials and Advocates representing MUDA to submit the necessary documents to the Court.

Accusing MUDA officials of apathy and negligence in safeguarding MUDA properties, Legislators expressed the need to appeal to the Government for a probe led by a retired High Court Judge or an SIT probe into land grabbing incidents. Following an extensive discussion on the issue, the meeting decided to take further action based on the Government's directives.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), seen addressing the MUDA meeting in city yesterday.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, addressing the media after the meeting, highlighted that the 27 acres of land in Dattagalli Survey Numbers is valued at approximately Rs. 400 crore. Stressing the importance of uncovering the individuals behind the attempted land grab, he affirmed that he and fellow Legislators would persist in their efforts to protect MUDA-owned lands.

Many Legislators advocated for an investigation either by an SIT or a retired High Court Judge. Harishgowda emphasised that the probe should expose the vested interests involved in attempting to seize this prime land worth hundreds of crores.

Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan highlighted that the matter was sub-judice and discussions focused on exploring legal options. He noted that the awareness of land grabbing attempts surfaced when details regarding the approval in the last meeting were sought.

(See MUDA on page 7)

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Centre grants Rs. 107 crore for two underbridges: MP

Road underbridge on KRS Road near Falcon Tyres; another at railway crossing behind Crawford Hall

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (BLU&DM)- In a significant move to enhance railway traffic efficiency and commuter convenience in Mysuru city, the Central Government has allocated over Rs. 107 crore for the construction of road underbridges in key locations.

The funds will be utilised for building a road underbridge on the KRS Road (near Falcon Tyres) and another at the railway crossing behind Crawford Hall (on the Mysuru-Nanjangud section).

Speaking at a meeting of railway officials at the Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road this morning, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha revealed that the Centre has approved Rs. 62.30 crore for the road underbridge near Falcon Tyres factory on KRS Road (Mysuru-Arsikere section) and Rs. 45.35 crore for the road underbridge behind Crawford Hall (Junction of Crawford Hall and Kukkarahalli Lake Road) on the Mysuru-Nanjangud section.

MP Pratap Simmha

Simmha highlighted that both road underbridge projects are awaiting approval from the State Government, following which tenders will be invited for their implementation.

The proposed road underbridge at the Mysuru-Nanjangud railway track level crossing, situated behind Crawford Hall holds significant potential benefits for Mysuru residents. The MP emphasised that if the State Government takes up the project, it could significantly improve the daily commute experience for motorists, addressing delays at level crossings caused by trains between Mysuru, Nanjangud and Chamarajanagar.

(See CENTRE on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 17th January 2024

Suttur Jathra: State-level drawing contest for students on Feb.9

Mysuru, Jan. 17- As part of the week-long Annual Suttur Jathra (Feb. 6 to 11), a State-level on-the-spot drawing contest for students will be held at Suttur in Nanjangud at 10 am on Feb. 9.

The contest will be held under four categories with separate topics: 1st and 2nd standard (children's choice of topic), 3rd and 4th standard (Flower garden), 5th to 7th standard (Forest wealth) and 8th standard to 10th standard (Chandrayaan-3).

For registration visit the JSS Mahavidyapeetha Office, Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle, Mysuru or e-mail: *jssdrawingcomp@gmail.com* or contact Ph: 0821- 2548212 /122 or Mob:94802-81097 or 94489-57905.

Drawing competition for children

Mysuru, Jan.17- The Vijayanagar 2nd Stage Citizens Welfare Committee will be conducting a drawing competition for children on the topic 'Nature' at Vidyaranya Park, Hampi Circle, in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage on Jan. 21 between 10 am and 12 noon. Competition will be held in two categories — 5 to 10 years and 11 to 15 years. Drawing sheets will be provided by the organisers and participants must carry other drawing materials. Interested may contact Mob: 99457-68435 and register their names.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

During the winter break we visited a space centre and one of the highlights was the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe with thousands of galaxies — including the faintest objects ever observed. We saw our planet as a tiny tiny grain of sand, almost invisible in the vastness of space and immensity of time.

On one hand, the vastness of the universe underscored how tiny Earth really is and humbled us as we mere humans were set against the immensity of the cosmos. At that moment we realised that we tend to take ourselves too seriously. Looking at ourselves and our petty concerns through the cosmic expanse of the universe was a reminder that self-importance is not only pointless, it undermines everything we do. It's best then to let our mind wander in simplicity, blend our spirit with the vastness, follow along with things the way they are, and observe the greatness of the universe till our self importance is mitigated. Taking ourselves too seriously is like trying to wield control upon things that cannot be controlled. Instead, accepting ourselves at our most fundamental, an evolving human playing out an unfinished story opens up space for learning, for understanding and for change.

On the other hand, at the same moment we also realised that, despite the unfathomable expanse of the universe, the only planet known to have life so far, is Earth, which makes us, its inhabitants special.

Our explorations of the space outside of us broadens the scope and power of what we have inside of us. Each one of us is precious as in a hundred billion galaxies, we will not find another. And such is the paradox of the universe; on a cosmic scale, we might not be important, yet in the brief period when we are on this planet our life and what we do with it becomes significant. We might be just cosmic travellers in the whirlpool of eternity, but for this precious moment we are alive on this beautiful planet. The universe is full of many wonders; we are one of them. Let us make it count. —*Aditi Pant in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gummy bear mosaic breaks world record

Wisconsin: Candy brand Haribo broke a Guinness World Record when it used its Goldbear gummy candies to create a 353.1-square-foot mosaic of the company's mascot.

The company used approximately 1,50,000 gummy bears to create the image of its mascot, Goldbear, in the gymnasium at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The mosaic was created over the course of four hours by about 300 Haribo employees accompanied by friends, family members, members of the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha and other local residents.

The finished mosaic was examined by a Guinness World Records adjudicator and confirmed as the world's largest jelly/gummy candy mosaic.

Mouse cleans up man's shed overnight

Wales: A mighty mouse is making sure a man's workspace is as organised as possible.

Rodney Holbrook, 75, a retired mail carrier, noticed some things were changing position in his shed from day to day. The Wales resident that a mouse has been tidying up his space for about two months now.

So Holbrook decided to put a camera in his home's outdoor shed to see what was happening when he wasn't around.

Shockingly, Holbrook said he saw a mouse cleaning up his space by picking up clothes pegs, screwdrivers, plant pot trays, corks and more from his workbench and putting them into a box in the middle of his space. The video, Holbrook said, was shocking to him.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw that the mouse was tidying up. It really was amazing to see the footage — some of the things that it tidies away are really unusual," he said.

Holbrook said he doesn't even bother tidying up at the end of the day because he knows the mouse will do it for him.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) is a chronic condition where stomach acid flows back into the esophagus, causing irritation and discomfort.

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Entries invited for Vijaya Dabbe Poetry and Essay contests

Mysuru, Jan.17- In memory of writer Dr. Vijaya Dabbe, the city's Samatha Adhyayana Kendra has invited entries from students and youths for its State-level Poetry and Essay (Lalitha Prabandha) contests.

The contests are open for students and youths in the age group of 20 to 35 years.

Every participant has to send two self-composed poems for poetry contest and one essay, not exceeding 2,000 words for the essay competition. The entries must be sent by post to: Vijaya Rao, House No.861, 14th Main, Vijayanagar First Stage, Mysuru-570017.

Both the contests will have three prizes (first prize - Rs.5,000, second - Rs.3,000 and third prize - Rs.2,000).

The ten best entries in each category will be selected for taking part in a one-day Literary workshop to be held in the last week of May.

For more details, call Mob: 94486-96898 or 63603-58358.

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **93.44 feet**	Today's level **2,273.26 feet**	Today's level **2,831.54 feet**
Last year's level **117.10 feet**	Last year's level **2,272.28 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.67 feet**
Yesterday's level **93.90 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.52 feet**
Today's Inflow **401 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **242 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **142 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,815 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The largest shark is whale shark which can grow up to 60 feet long.***
- ***Sharks continue to grow new teeth throughout their lives — some produce over 20,000 teeth.***
- ***Frogs drink water through their skin.***
- ***Only male toads croak.***
- ***Owls can't move their eyeballs.***
- ***Octopuses have blue blood and nine brains.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mother: *Ravi, just see why your little sister is crying.*

Ravi: *I've no time ma ! I'm busy eating her biscuits!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.12**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 104.75**
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1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.26**

VOICE OF THE READER

Plug water leakage

Sir,

Precious water is leaking since many days behind the RTTC building, 6th Cross in T.K. Layout, Mysuru. In spite of complaining to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities, no action has been taken.

This is to once again draw the attention of MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff and the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) authorities concerned towards plugging leakage of water at the earliest.

—H.N. Rangaraju
on e-mail

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Educationist of the Year Award

Dr. Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, Jan. 17- Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been given 'Educationist of the Year Award, 2023' by Rifacimento International, New Delhi, for his extraordinary achievements in Engineering Education, Science Communication & Popularisation, Astronomy, Research and many more. He has over 18 years of service in the field of teaching and has been honoured with over 150 national and international awards.

Obituary

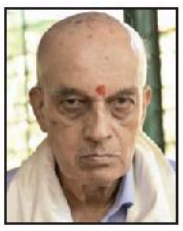
Mangalamma

Mysuru, Jan. 17- Mangalamma (76), retired Shirastedar (Judicial Department) and a resident of Devaparthiva Road in Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, passed away following age-related illness on Tuesday in city.

She leaves behind her husband M.S. Venkatasubbaiah (Gundanna), sons M.V. Sunil and M.V. Satish, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday, according to family sources.

N. Shivashankar



N. Shivashankar (87), son of late M. Nanjundappa and a resident of Ramanuja Road, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Sarojamma, four sons, one daughter, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Bannimantap.

Niranjan

Hunsur: Niranjan (32), an employee at Hunsur CESC Office and a resident of N.S. Colony in the town, passed away following a heart attack in the town yesterday.

He leaves behind his sister and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the burial grounds near Taluk Office here yesterday evening.

Shivegowda

K.R. Pet: Shivegowda (91), father of senior journalist from Mysuru Amshi Prasanna Kumar, passed away at Ambigarahalli in K.R. Pet taluk early this morning. He leaves behind three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Ambigarahalli this afternoon.

'Mysuru Fest' painting competition on Jan. 27

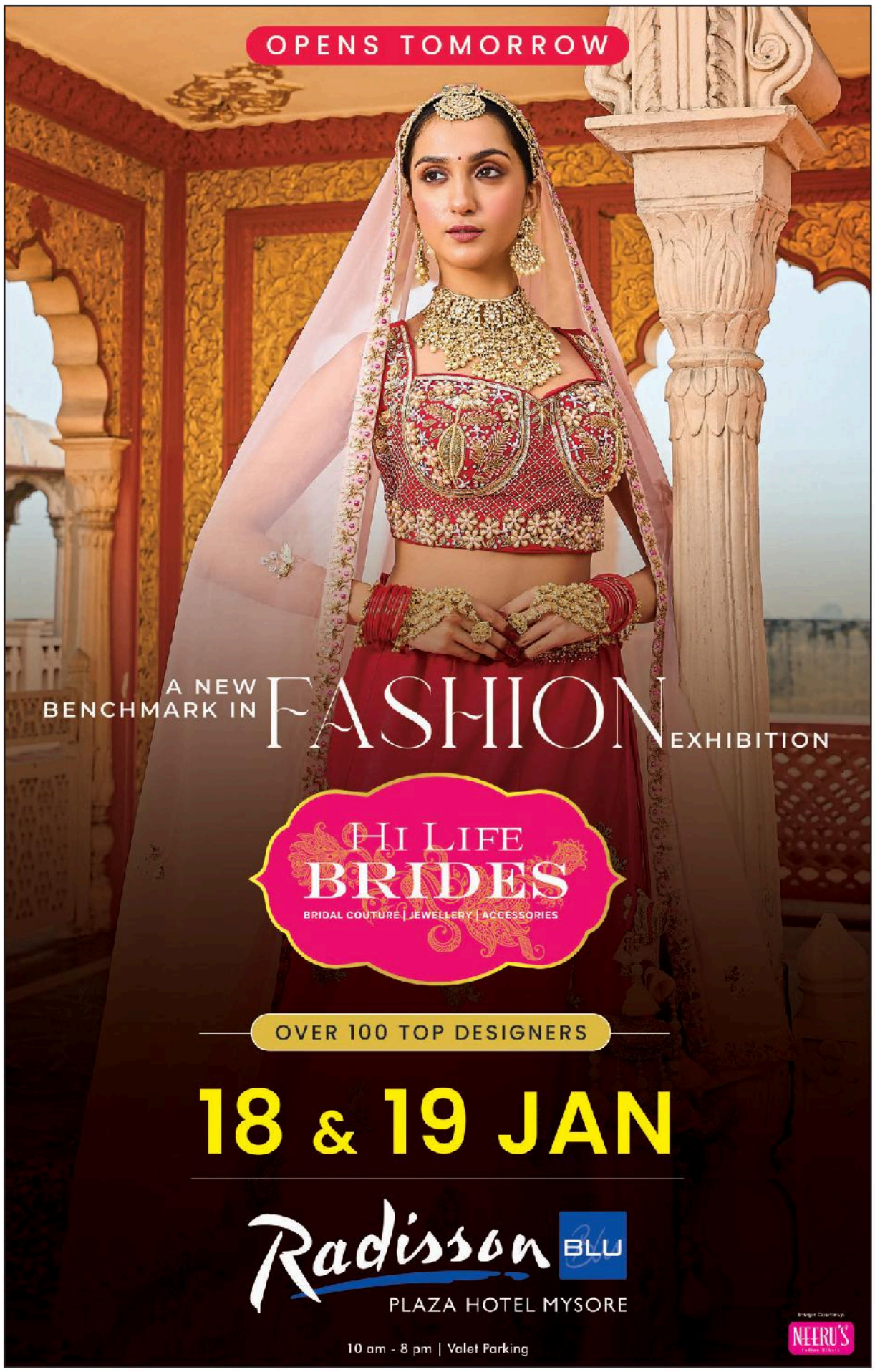
Mysuru, Jan. 17 (VNS)- The Department of Tourism will be conducting a painting competition as part of 'Mysuru Fest' on the topic 'Our Heritage, Your Destination - Mysuru District' on Jan.27 in front of Department Studies in Mathematics, Manasagangothri campus.

Interested may submit their applications by logging on to *https://forms.gle/BbWdJUzv1u-FAeuXb8* before Jan. 20.

Students from 8th to 12th class are eligible to participate in the competition. Participants must carry their ID cards issued by their respective educational institutions.

The competition will be held for a duration of 90 mins (10 am to 11.30 am) and the Department has announced first, second and third prizes for the winners along with the participation certificates.

The final list of participants will be announced in Tourism Department's Facebook and Instagram page *visit_mysuru*. Spot registration will not be allowed. For details, contact Mob: 74115-64510, according to a press release from Tourism Department Assistant Director T.K. Harish.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Progressive Farmer Award presentation

Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown has organised its Weekly Meeting and presentation of Rotary Mysore Midtown H. Ramachandregowda Memorial Progressive Farmer Award to Varsha Srikantaswamy (progressive farmer from Ummathur, Chamarajanagar) by Akashvani Mysuru Programme Executive N. Keshava Murthy at Rotary Centre auditorium on JLB Road in city at 6.30 pm today (Jan. 17).

Blood donation camp

As part of National Youth Day, the Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Mysuru Unit, in association with Rotary Club of Vijayanagar, has organised a blood donation camp at the YHAI premises on 5th Main, 15th Cross, Gokulam Second Stage in city, from 10 am to 1 pm tomorrow (Jan. 18), according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 99001-52042 or 90366-67999 or 97400-30225.

BCCI Ranji Trophy

The Mysuru Zone of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) will be conducting the BCCI Ranji Trophy match between Karnataka and Goa at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium from Jan. 19 to 22, according to a press release.

Positive Parenting Workshop

The Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya will be conducting a workshop on 'Positive Parenting' at its Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar branch located at No. 422, 4th Main Road, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar at 11 am on Jan. 21. The theme of the workshop is 'Young Minds to Powerful Minds.' Registration is mandatory (only for parents). The main speaker is B.L. Vedhaprada, a noted counselling Psychologist, according to a press release. For details and registration, contact Mob: 98807-92079 or 99002-64937.

Suttur Jathra Krishi Mela

The Annual Suttur Jathra will take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Feb. 6 to 11. As part of the Jathra, a Krishi Mela (Agricultural Fair) has been organised, which features 'Krishi Brahmanda,' a one-acre area displaying exotic vegetable plants and other agri produce. Several departments concerned with Agriculture, Agricultural Universities and Agri equipment manufacturers are taking part. The event also features seminars on Agricultural topics and Agri quiz contest. For booking of stalls, contact Ph: 08221-295018 or Mob: 87628-40430 or 94489-78836 or 99861-91256.

Unregulated RO Plant boom sparks water purity concerns

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Jan. 17- Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants, commonly known as 'Pure water kiosks or Plants,' have been increasing in the city. However, any lapse in maintenance or operation could pose life-threatening risks.

While water is indispensable for daily life, a concerning trend has emerged with individuals jeopardising the lives of others under the guise of providing purified drinking water. Purified water is crucial for preventing water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and giardiasis.

Establishing RO Plants is one of the Government's initiatives to ensure the supply of purified water to the public. Unfortunately, some individuals exploit the situation by setting up RO Plants without obtaining the necessary licences. To guarantee water quality in these Plants, daily machinery inspections are imperative and water purifying filters should be replaced every 15 days. During the rainy season, filter replacement should occur at least once a week.

Maintaining water quality involves reducing total dissolved solids (TDS) content and ensuring the appropriate mineral quantity. The critical question is whether these precautionary measures are consistently followed by those operating RO Plants.

Picture for representation only.

Flouting regulations?

According to norms, RO Plants must adhere to the criteria set by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Government. However, private entities are flouting regulations by installing RO units in front of houses, shelters, cellars and shops, conducting brisk business.

Setting up RO Plants in the city requires mandatory permission from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and a valid trade licence.

Regrettably, many private entities are establishing RO Plants without the necessary permissions and neglecting water quality maintenance.

An officer from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), the water supply division of the MCC, stated, "We lack the authority to inspect private RO Plants.

Action can be taken only if higher authorities issue directives. Currently, approximately 120 RO Plants operate within the MCC jurisdiction, with a designated agency responsible for their maintenance. Industries supplying water in large quantities must obtain permission from the BIS and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to establish their businesses."

Need for daily monitoring

Jagadish from Aqua Green Water Solutions, the agency tasked with maintaining MCC's RO Plants, emphasised the need for daily monitoring.

A technical team ensures regular inspections, with water purifier filters replaced every fortnight. During the rainy season, weekly filter replacements are implemented when borewell water may be contaminated.

To address increased salinity, antiscalants, considered food-grade additives, are used to maintain magnesium and calcium levels, ultimately extending the lifespan of RO membranes, he added. The maintenance process incurs costs, with Rs. 3,500 allocated for checking water quality and Rs. 400 to Rs. 500 for replacing each filter in 1,000-litre capacity RO Plants.

Technicians are hired for this purpose. It is crucial to monitor whether private RO Plants adhere to these standards and obtain a lab report on the water quality supplied at these facilities, according to Jagadish.

Water expert H. Ramesh underscored the importance of water purity, expressing concern that in the pursuit of purification, water is being wasted at RO Plants. He questioned whether routine inspections by relevant authorities were being conducted at these facilities.

MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff assured strict action against private RO Plants established without necessary permissions. Additionally, permissions may be revoked in cases of inadequate maintenance at these Plants.

Plea to de-clog overflowing manhole at Sharadadevinagar

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (PM&KS)- Sewage water is overflowing from a clogged manhole for over a month on Swami Vivekananda Road in Sharadadevinagar causing a lot of problems to the residents as well as the public, who have urged the authorities concerned to de-clog the manhole and take steps to prevent clogging of the manhole in future.

With sewage water flowing continuously on the road, motorists are finding it difficult to ply on this road and public are forced to cover their nose while passing on this road besides fear of outbreak of diseases. There is a private school nearby and parents are finding it difficult to drop their children to the school due to sewage flow and the students have to bear the stench while attending classes.

Residents said that when they went to MCC Zone-3 Office at Sharadadevinagar Circle to lodge complaint, the officials told them that it does not come under their jurisdiction besides asking the residents to lodge a complaint at MCC UGD Division.

Residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the manhole repaired at the earliest.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Tiger sighted at Mahadevapura, barely 10 kms from Mysuru city

Villagers unnerved; four goats killed last night at Gobbaragala, 4 kms from Mahadevapura

Srirangapatna, Jan. 17 (Vinay Karekura & VNS)- Residents of Mahadevapura, popularly known as 'Shooting' Mahadevapura, situated just 10 km from Mysuru and the neighbouring villages are gripped with panic following the sighting of a tiger, a video of which has gone viral on social media.

In addition to the apprehension caused by the presence of a roaming tiger, nocturnal leopard attacks have added to the local fears. Last evening, a leopard reportedly killed four goats near the house of Nagaraju in Gobbaragala village, just four kilometres from Mahadevapura.

Villagers and Nagaraju told reporters this morning that the leopard has been seen multiple times in the village. Given the latest presence of the tiger in the vicinity, villagers express that they would not be astonished if the tiger was responsible for the goat attacks.

Nagaraju recounted that on the previous evening, he had secured the goats near his house at 7 pm and had gone inside for dinner so that he could tie them inside the shed later. During his meal, he heard his goats bleating anxiously. Upon rushing to the scene, he discovered that the leopard had attacked and killed four goats, each bitten on the neck region.

The video footage of the roaming tiger was captured around the Channahalli-Mahadevapura connecting road, near Chikkammana Temple on the outskirts of Mahadevapura, as well as in sugarcane fields and farms. A week ago, the same tiger had reportedly attacked a goat belonging to a villager named Puttamma in Channahalli village.

Now, the tiger's sightings have become a daily occurrence in the vicinity. Upon receiving this information, Deputy Range Forest Officer Rajesh visited the area along with Srirangapatna Range Forest Officer Puttaswamy, Assistant Forest Officer Anandegowda and personnel from the Mysuru Leopard Task Force (LTF).

Drones to track big cat

The team verified the tiger's movements and instructed villagers to refrain from venturing out of their houses during the night. They also cautioned them to take precautions while working in agricultural fields during the day. The Forest Department, facing challenges in placing a cage due to the tiger's movements, is utilising drones to track the tiger.

The villagers reported that while the tiger's presence did not cause harm, they could hear its roar while working in their agricultural fields. They urged the forest officials to expedite measures to capture the tiger for the villagers' peace of mind, noting that the tiger was large and appeared to be solitary.

The Arakere Police are also engaging with villagers, urging them to stay indoors and creating awareness about the tiger's presence. Additionally, a team of 30 to 35 Forest Department personnel is involved in efforts to capture the tiger. However, due to the tiger's movement on the other side of a water body, placing traps (cages) has proven challenging.

Same tiger near TVS factory?

Meanwhile, it is reported that the same tiger was sighted in Sindhuvalli, Shettihalli, Rampura, TVS factory near Kadakola, Balluruhundi, Duggahalli, Haadanooru Odeyanapura, Indiranagar and surrounding places on the Mysuru-Nanjangud border. While leopards and elephants have been spotted in the Mandya district recently, this marks the first instance of a tiger roaming near Mysuru city.

Mahadevapura is located about 23 kms from Mandya, 15 kms away from Srirangapatna and just 10 kms from Mysuru. The tiger, which created panic in villages located near Nanjangud is said to be creating fright among the villagers in Mahadevapura.

Woman ends life over illness

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (RK&KS)- A woman named Shruthi (28), residing in Yelwal, took her own life on Monday due to depression stemming from both her husband's and her own illnesses. Shruthi, originally from Hassan, had been married to Chandu of Yelwal for eight years. Chandu, employed as a solar technician, was battling paralysis, while Shruthi also started experiencing health issues.

Overwhelmed by these challenges, she hanged herself at their residence on Monday. Yelwal Police conducted mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary and filed a case in connection with the incident.

Unidentified man killed as bus hits

Mysuru, Jan. 17- An unidentified man was killed when a bus hit him near KR Circle in city.

The deceased, aged 35 years, was walking near KR Circle when a speeding bus (KA-55-1639) hit him resulting in him sustaining serious injuries. Though he was admitted to K.R. Hospital, he succumbed to injuries. The kith and kin of the deceased may contact Ph: 0821-2418326 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from Devaraja Inspector V.D. Mamata.

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Workshop highlights urgency of restoring 22-km Poornaiah Canal

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (PM&BCT)- The ongoing initiatives to restore the three-kilometre Dewan Poornaiah Canal, responsible for supplying water to Kukkarahalli Lake, fall short of addressing the broader issue at hand.

National Green Tribunal State Committee Chairman, Justice Subhash B. Adi, highlighted the crucial need to shift focus towards conserving the entire 22-kilometre length of the canal, which has been significantly reduced to a mere 3 kilometres due to rampant encroachment.

Justice Subhash Adi conveyed these thoughts during a workshop titled 'Water for Kukkarahalli Kere — Revisiting Poornaiah Nala, the Raja Kaluve - A People's Perspective' organised at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri last evening by the University of Mysore, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Mysore School of Architecture and Water Forum Mysore.

The workshop is aimed to understand the present status and future potential of Kukkarahalli Lake. In his address, Justice Subhash Adi emphasised that the responsibility for conservation goes beyond mere governance, as evidenced by the active involvement of the public in Mysuru.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) Working President Shobhana seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the workshop at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri last evening as (from left) Dean of Mysore School of Architecture Dr. H. S. Champa; Water Conservationist U.N. Ravikumar; Mysore royal family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar; University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan and National Green Tribunal (NGT) State Committee Chairman Justice Subhash B. Adi look on.

He underscored the scientific rationale behind recognising the interconnectedness of lakes, such as Kukkarahalli Lake, with the broader ecosystem. Flood control measures in residential areas are intended to prevent grievances and citizens of Mysuru must acknowledge their role in environmental protection.

He also urged the public to bring environmental concerns, including canal encroachment, to the attention of the authorities.

A fundamental duty

Referring to the Environmental Protection Act of 1986, Justice Adi highlighted that citizens are empowered to contribute to safeguarding the environment. He pointed out the challenges posed by urbanisation, leading to depopulation in villages as people migrate for better livelihoods, contributing to environmental changes. He added that while fundamental rights are often discussed, people ignore saving the environment that is a fundamental duty.

Mysore royal family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar underscored the necessity for cooperation in conserving these vital water bodies, citing Mysuru as a model for lake conservation. He expressed that Kukkarahalli Lake conservation and Dewan Poornaiah Canal restoration should serve as a model for preserving all other lakes and water bodies in Mysuru.

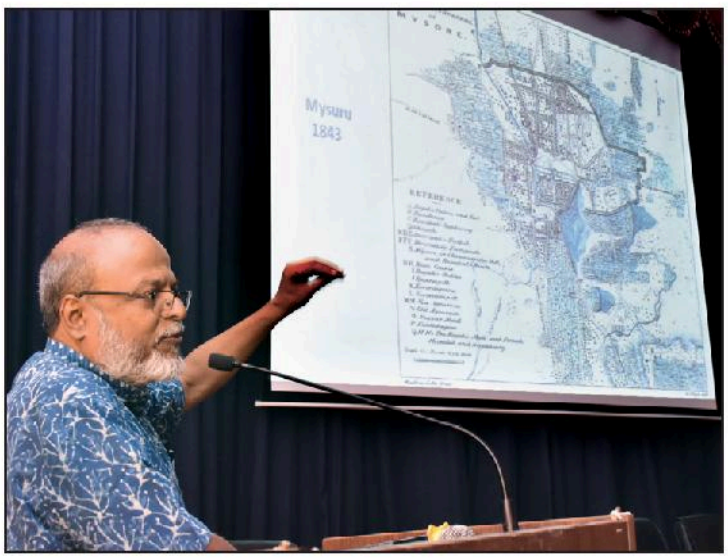
University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan, MGP Working President Shobhana, Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy, Historian and member of District Heritage Committee Prof. N.S. Rangaraju and others were present on the occasion.

Lake, Canal conservation critical for preserving city's green eco status: U.N. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (PM&BCT)- In his presentation, wetland expert and water conservationist U.N. Ravikumar underscored the imperative to restore the complete length of the Dewan Poornaiah Canal. However, he noted that even the restoration of a 2.5 km segment of the canal could result in a noteworthy 30 percent increase in freshwater inflow.

Providing an insightful overview, Ravikumar delved into the Lake's transformation amid developmental pressures and urbanisation over recent decades. He underscored the historical significance of Kukkarahalli Lake, highlighting its multifaceted role in flood control, groundwater recharge, biodiversity conservation and micro-climate regulation.

Shivaprakash, a seasoned resource person, who has documented Kukkarahalli Lake's biodiversity for decades, highlighted the habitat's richness, supporting diverse plant and animal species. He further emphasised the Lake's recognition as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by Birdlife International, underscoring its ecological significance.



Wetland Expert and Water Conservationist U.N. Ravikumar seen giving a presentation at the workshop last evening.

Various speakers at the event stressed the paramount importance of garnering public support and fostering collaborative efforts to safeguard the environment. The conservation of Kukkarahalli Lake was underlined as critical for preserving the city's environmental status.

Throughout the event, speakers, including Dean of Mysore School of Architecture Dr. H.S. Champa and resource persons Yadupathi Putty, Vishwanath Shankarappa and S. Shylajesh presented their perspectives through illustrations and PowerPoint presentations.

They highlighted the historical and environmental significance of Dewan Poornaiah Canal and Kukkarahalli Lake. The event served as a collaborative platform, bringing together experts, officials and concerned citizens stressing the shared responsibility for environmental stewardship.

Jathas mark 'Road Safety Week' in city

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (RK&VNS)- Students of various schools and colleges took out jathas (rallies) to mark the 'Road Safety Week' celebrations launched by the Mysuru City Traffic Police in city this morning.

At first, the students of CPC Polytechnic located on Ashoka Road took out a rally from the college premises. The rally, flagged off by CPC Polytechnic Principal M. Prakash, passed through Ashoka Road, Fountain Circle, FTS Circle, Government Guest House, Five Light Circle, St. Philomena's Church and culminated at the college premises.

The students held placards and shouted slogans creating awareness on traffic rules and regulations distributing pamphlets issued by the Police Department among the public. Later, a programme was held at the alumni block during which ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa addressed the students instructing them to follow the traffic rules and regulations to not only save their lives but avoid innocent people from losing their lives as well.

NR Traffic Inspector Rekha Bai, Dr. Urs Kumar, Dr. Doddaiah, NCC Officers S.M. Madhusudan and Lt. Mahendra, HoDs and staff members of CPC Polytechnic were present.

Similar rally was organised in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage during which about 300-400 students of Chikkamma School took part in the rally. Students of Shikshkarni School and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering also held a rally jointly organised by Rotary Mysore and Mysuru City Traffic Police. VV Puram Traffic Inspector Lava and other Police personnel were present.

Centre grants Rs. 107 crore for two underbridges: MP

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Additionally, MP Pratap Simmha mentioned the successful completion of the foot over bridge and five platforms at Ashokapuram Railway Station on the Mysuru-Nanjangud section.

He informed that a tender has been called for the construction of the sixth platform at the Railway Station.

More flights on cards

Addressing the decrease in the number of flights at the Mysore Airport, Simmha attributed it to some aircraft being under repair. He assured that he and airport authorities are in touch with airline operators like Air India, Indigo and Star Air to enhance flight operations.

The MP expressed hope that the number of flights to and from Mysuru will increase in the future, accompanied by improvements in facilities for air travellers.

Booking not yet open for Ayodhya train

Earlier, speaking to the press before the meeting, Pratap Simmha announced that two direct trains from Mysuru to Ayodhya will run on Feb. 4 and 18 to facilitate devotees in the Mysuru region.

Each train will accommodate 1,280 passengers, and though seat bookings have not yet opened, arrangements for lodging Ayodhya travellers will be made.

Commenting on the removal of a Lord Rama flex at Kolar, Simmha stated that there seems to be no place for Lord Rama in the Congress Government and people are beginning to understand this fact.

GATI Shakti Unit's Mysuru Chief Project Manager Anand Bharathi, Senior Divisional Engineer Ravichandran, Deputy Chief Engineer Gudden and others were present at the meeting.

Land grabbing debated at MUDA

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Darshan Dhruvanarayan underscored that this issue goes beyond MUDA alone, involving various Governments. **He called for MUDA to assess the track record of its advocates handling civil cases and suggested assigning cases to advocates with a proven record in civil matters.**

Addressing concerns about irregularities in Khata transfer, the meeting decided to temporarily halt Khata transfers and site allocations in new layouts until a Government order is received. Additionally, the meeting resolved to continue the process of allotting alternative sites to land owners on a 50:50 ratio basis, subject to approval from higher MUDA authorities. Decisions regarding this matter will not be made at the Commissioner level.

Another key decision involved directing authorities to present all matters related to map approval of new layouts, changes in land use, and land sanction at the upcoming meeting scheduled for Feb. 3.

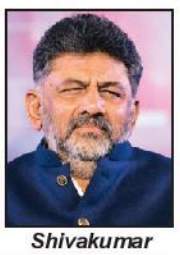
While the meeting initially listed 188 topics for discussion, many were adjourned for future meetings. Notably, no decision was reached concerning the plan approval of layouts, a matter expected to be addressed in subsequent meetings.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, T.S. Srivatsa and Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda, MLCs A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda, Marithibbegowda, Madhu G. Madegowda and Dinesh Gooligowda, MUDA Superintendent Engineer Channakeshava, Town Planner Member Sesha, Chief Accounts Officer Mutha and others were present.

Simmha expresses sympathy for DKS

Mysuru, Jan. 17 (BLU&DM)- Responding to former Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah's statement that his father, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will complete the full five-year term, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha expressed sympathy for Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS).

Simmha



Shivakumar

He mentioned how Shivakumar had campaigned for Vokkaliga votes in the last Assembly polls, promising them another opportunity to see a Chief Minister from their community after S.M. Krishna. However, Siddaramaiah thwarted these plans and secured a second term as Chief Minister.

Stating that Siddaramaiah wants to sit firmly in his saddle as the CM, he said that after his staunch supporter Ministers such as M.B. Patil, Satish Jarkiholi and K.N. Rajanna, it is now the turn of his (CM) son Dr. Yathindra to bat for him for completing the full five-year term.

Asserting that Vokkaligas voted for the Congress in the last Assembly polls believing that DKS of their community would become the CM, Simmha said now that Siddaramaiah is at the helm, he will make all efforts to ensure that he stays in power for full five-years.

Four of a family killed as paddy harvester hits bike

Santosh

Sowmya

Abhi

Nityasakshi

Kollegal, Jan. 17- Four of a family including two children were killed when a paddy harvester hit the bike on Jinakanahalli village road in the taluk on Sankranti festival day.

The deceased have been identified as Santosh (32), his wife Sowmya (27), son Abhi (9) and daughter Nityasakshi (4), residents of Palya village in the taluk.

On Monday, the family, after visiting a temple, were proceeding on their bike from Palya village to Kollegal town to purchase clothes. When they were proceeding on Jinakanahalli Road, the paddy harvester, which came from the opposite direction, hit the bike and dragged the bike and the family members for about 40 metres. A few passersby, who noticed the harvester dragging the bike and the family members, shouted at the driver, who stopped the vehicle and fled from the spot.

While Santosh, Sowmya and Nityasakshi died on the spot, Abhi, who had sustained serious injuries, was being shifted to a hospital when he breathed his last midway. As the harvester dragged the bike occupants for about 40 metres, the bodies were found on the roadside.

Dy.SP Somegowda, Circle Inspector Krishnappa, Rural SI Ganesh and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted an inspection. A case has been registered at Kollegal Rural Police Station.

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Magnificent Bharatanatyam performance at 'Kalemane'

On Jan. 7, a magnificent Bharatanatyam performance was presented at the 'Kalemane Sabhaangana' established by the renowned scholar Dr. K. Kumar and his family in Mysuru (Kumar Performing Arts Centre).

Artistes and art enthusiasts from various parts of India (Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru) and abroad (New Jersey, Los Angeles, California, Pennsylvania) attended the event.

The performance featured eminent Bharatanatyam artistes Vidushi Ramya Ram Narayan (from New Jersey, USA) and Vidushi Viji Prakash (from Los Angeles, USA), along with their disciples from India and abroad.

A noteworthy performance was by Vidushi Ramya Ram Narayan alongside her senior disciples, creating an hour of Bharatanatyam beyond classical boundaries, showcasing a programme filled with exquisite dance and expressive gestures. The programme was a huge success, captivating the audience and surpassing the traditional boundaries of Bharatanatyam with various renowned compositions, leaving the art enthusiasts deeply enthralled.

The hour-long programme conducted by disciples of the renowned dance guru, Vidushi Viji Prakash, was filled with several famous compositions and carried on seamlessly, captivating the audience's attention throughout. The entire programme, with its blend of various famous compositions, left the art enthusiasts immensely satisfied and impressed.

Each artiste presented mesmerising dance sequences such as Huseni Swara Jathi, Khamach Brouchewarvara, Parashakti Janani, and other intricate dance compositions, along with captivating performances, gripping the audience with their compelling expressions and immersive acting.

Initially, a jugalbandi of Karnatak and Hindustani vocal music by Vidushi Vinay Kartik Rao (from Bengaluru) and Vidushi Vaishnavi Vishnu Bhatla (from Hyderabad) was presented. Accompanied by brilliant musicians — Vidwan Kumar on mridanga, Vidwan Ramesh Dhanur on tabla and Vidwan Shantakumar on violin — this performance received thunderous applause from the appreciative audience.

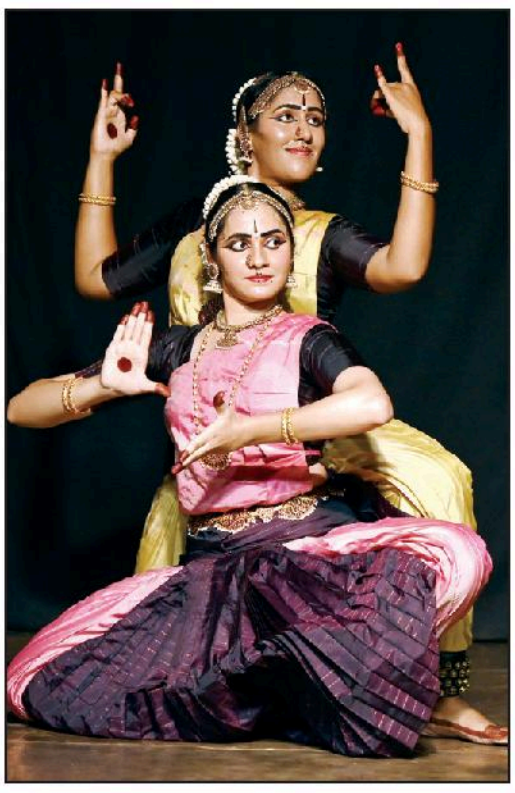
Subsequently, Dr. K. Kumar and his disciples curated a 16-minute showcase of three breathtaking dance performances, leaving the audience spellbound. His daughters, K.M. Lekha and K.M. Nidhi and senior and junior disciples carried forward the legacy of marvellous choreography, mesmerising the spectators with their expressions and emotions.

The programme also hosted eminent music and dance gurus from Mysuru, Mandya, Nanjangud and other places, enriching the event with their presence and adding grandeur to the occasion.

A grand feast was arranged to honour all the guests after the event, thanks to the selfless contributions and efforts of Dr K. Kumar, a prominent artiste in Mysuru and his wife, Dr. Malathy, a paediatrician. Their consistent efforts in promoting and supporting art are truly commendable and we hope for their continuous support in nurturing and encouraging artistes.

—Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle

'Aikyam' dance duet presented by Tanmayi Kishore and K.N. Chethana



Nrityagiri - Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, under the able guidance of Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke, presented an uniquely themed evening of dance through 'Aikyam' on Dec. 22, 2023 at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in city.

The duet pair Tanmayi Kishore and K.N. Chethana, young and talented, aspiring disciple's of Nrityagiri, proved their calibre in dance beginning with the traditional invocatory item 'Pushpanjali' followed by the famous Ganesha Pancharatna, where they detailed every single phrase written in Sanskrit, carefully through their apt hand gestures and facial expressions. Next was the Varnam — major dance piece in the Bharatanatyam Margam series was well-presented through vital, balanced, rhythmic musical tempo and eye catchy, pleasant, blissful, meaningful choreography.

The performing duo continued to win the hearts of the rasikas who evidence their next performance on "Padam" and "Abhang" respectively, which showcased their skills of depicting emotions through nine rasas or the sentiments. They concluded their performance through concluding dance piece, 'Thillana' involving themselves in different symmetrical moves set to fast rhythmic dance patterns.

The duo was supported by the most demanding, talented musicians — on natuvanga support Pooja Sugam, Vocal - Raghuram from Bengaluru, mridanga by Nagaraj from Bengaluru, flute by Krishna Prasad from Mysuru.

The performing duo presented their duet theme 'Aikyam' by showcasing the oneness through the art form.

—Abhinavashri

[Pic. courtesy: Anup Vishwanath Photography]

Vidu. Gayatri Venkataraghavan pays tribute to Mysore Vasudevacharya

Famed artiste Vidu. Gayatri Venkataraghavan recently visited the heritage house of Mysore Vasudevacharya voluntarily to pay her tributes to the great composer. Well-known musician brothers from the city, Vid. V.K. Raman and Vid. V. Srikanth, joined the vocalist on the occasion. The musicians enjoyed presenting a few of Vasudevacharya's compositions in the very place where they were composed.

After 12 years...

Karnataka Police wins Gold in National Equestrian Contest

Mysuru's Mounted Police Commandant V. Shylendra with his winning horse "King's Power."

Mysuru, Jan. 17- V. Shylendra, Commandant, KARP Mounted Company, Mysuru, has won the gold medal in the National-level Equestrian Competition 'Hacks' event in the 42nd All India Police Equestrian Championship and Mounted Police Duty Meet - 2023 held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in Hyderabad, Telangana State, from Dec. 26, 2023 to Jan. 5, 2024.

A native of Chitradurga, Shylendra represented Karnataka State Police team with the horse named "King's Power" and has won the individual gold medal after 12 years for Karnataka.

The last individual gold medal in this event was won in the year 2012.

Praggnanandhaa defeats World Champion Ding Liren at Tata Steel Masters

Surpasses over five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand to become India No. 1

R. Praggnanandhaa

Indian Chess Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa and Chinese Chess Grandmaster Ding Liren during the fourth round clash at Tata Steel Masters in Wijk aan Zee.

New Delhi, Jan. 17- Indian teenager R. Praggnanandhaa defeated reigning World Champion Ding Liren in a fourth round clash at the Tata Steel Masters in Wijk aan Zee on Tuesday.

Thanks to the win, Praggnanandhaa also leap-frogged over five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand as the country's top-ranked chess player in the FIDE's live ratings with a rating of 2748.3, while Anand is at 2748. (FIDE discloses the published ratings at the start of each month). Pragg became the second Indian after Anand to defeat a reigning World Champion in classical chess.

Playing with black pieces, Pragg had the advantage on the board from the start. This was his first win in four rounds at the Tata Steel chess event this year after three draws. Coincidentally, Praggnanandhaa had also defeated Ding at the same event with black pieces in 2023, on January 17. Back then, Ding was the World No. 2 and was preparing to compete at the Candidates tournament.

At Wijk aan Zee, Ding is playing in a rare tournament after taking the World Championship crown last year by defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi.

Meanwhile, Gukesh, who last year had become the first Indian to overhaul Anand as India No. 1 in 36 years in the FIDE published ratings, lost his encounter with Anish Giri.

Gukesh had edged past Anish to secure a spot at the Candidates via the ratings route at the last second.

Third Indian player in the fray, Vidit Santosh Gujrathi was held to a draw by Jorden Van Foreest.

Thanks to his victory, Giri is now on top of the leaderboard heading into the first rest day at the Tata Steel Masters chess event. Pragg is third in the standings with Vidit seventh and Gukesh in 10th spot.

City girls win medals at National Roller Skating Championship

K.S. Prathiksha is seen displaying her medals along with (from left) her mother Nirmala Shankar, coach K. Shrikanth Rao and father K. Shankar.

Mysuru, Jan. 17- City roller skater K.S. Prathiksha showcased exceptional prowess at the 61st National Roller Skating Championship organised by the Roller Skating Federation of India in Chennai from Dec. 18 to 25, 2023.

In the fiercely competitive 14-17 years age category, she clinched two gold medals, triumphing in the Road 500 metres and the Rink Relay 3000 metres events. Additionally, Prathiksha secured a silver medal in the Rink 500 metres and a bronze medal in the Rink 200 metres.

Prathiksha has honed her skills under the expert guidance of coach K. Shrikanth Rao from Raos Roller Skating Club in Mysuru.

A 10th standard student at St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, Prathiksha is the daughter of K. Shankar and Nirmala Shankar, residents of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage.

Pavani S. Shetty

Pavani S. Shetty of Elite Roller Skating Academy, Siddhartha Layout, Mysuru, too participated in the 500+D event of the 61st National Roller Skating Championship held at Chennai and has won bronze medal in the Quad Category.

Pavani is the daughter of Sathish and Pushpa and is studying at KV School, Mysuru.

She trains under M.G. Uma and Adithya S. Rao at Elite Roller Skating Academy in city.

'Kreeda Ratna' award presented to international arm wrestlers

Mysuru, Jan.17 (MK&DM)- 'Kreeda Ratna' award was presented to international Panja Kusti wrestlers (Arm Wrestlers) at a programme organised under the aegis of Suvarna Belaku Foundation at Namana Kala Mantapa in Krishnamurthypuram here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Social worker K. Raghuram said that our mental health will largely improve by taking part in physical and sporting activities. Stressing on the need for accepting victory and defeat on equal terms, he advised the youths to keep on trying until success is achieved.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal too spoke.

Achiever arm wrestlers M. Raju, Mahadev, Dhanush, Anna Basilica and Hamsa were conferred 'Kreeda Ratna' awards.

The Foundation's new year calendar was also released on the occasion.

Earlier, Sanskrit Scholar Dr. K. Leelavathi inaugurated the programme.

The Foundation's Founder President Mahesh, Yoga teacher Ananth, K.T. Balaramegowda, Sridhar Dikshit, Ashwath and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Luminaria

Pronunciation: loo-muh-NAIR-ee-uh.
Meaning: A luminaria is a lantern—traditionally used in Christmas celebrations in the southwestern U.S.—that typically consists of a candle (or its electric analogue) set in sand inside a paper bag. Luminaria is also broadly used to refer to a similar lantern lit for other occasions, such as memorials or weddings. Both luminarias and luminaria are acceptable plural forms of luminaria.
Origin: The tradition of lighting small lanterns on the night (or nights) before Christmas is an old one in what is now New Mexico, dating back to when the region belonged to colonial Spain and later to independent Mexico. Where one lives in New Mexico today, however, often determines what these paper lanterns are called. New Mexicans in the northern part of the state, around Santa Fe, call them farolitos, Spanish for "little lanterns." Those further south, around Albuquerque, are more likely to call them luminaria (or luminarias), a word that began appearing in English publications around the 1930s, and that is today used more broadly to refer to such lanterns lit for other occasions, such as memorials, weddings, etc. Luminaria comes to English from Spanish, but the word has been around with exactly the same spelling since the days of Late Latin. It ultimately traces to the classical Latin word luminare, meaning "window," and to lumen, meaning "light." It is related to other light-bearing words such as luminary and illuminate.

THE ODD WORD

Laeotropic

Turning to the left.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Last but not least

Meaning: The phrase 'Last but not least' is used to denote that something you say is last in sequence but not least in importance.
Origin: The idea, if not the phrase 'Last but not least,' may originate in the Bible, where in John Wyclif's 1382 version of Matthew, 19:30, the statement "the firste the laste, and the laste the firste" can be found.
Example: "Last but not least, I'd like to introduce my grandmother, Rosie."

QUOTE BOX

The final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

—Anne Frank

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Just under the wire.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A type of adhesive
4 Attack in a group of unruly and riotous persons
7 Mr. Randall or Mr. Underwood ?
9 By trial and ___ : by a hit or miss method, in a way?
12 Maharashtra city
13 Type of climbing and twining plant
14 Yell in terror
15 A grocery store - "God Abe" anagram?
17 Female ruff
18 Christopher___ : Tenet director
20 Road Transp. Off.
21 Ex-India paceman Yohannan
22 Twofold
23 Skimping and saving
27 Criticise or rebuke severely
28 Great splendour
29 Stomach muscles
30 Make a mistake or go wrong
32 Arvind Kejriwal's party
35 Large beaked bird
37 Adjust or harmonize
39 Former Aussie leg spinner Shane ___
40 Sharp spines
41 One-masted, fore-and-aft rigged sailing vessel
42 Uncanny or unearthly
43 Cathode Ray Tube, abbr.
44 Camcorder button

DOWN

1 Literary style
2 Impulse or drive or desire?
3 Hair pigment
4 Peach ___ : ice-cream and fruit dessert?
5 Hunter in the sky?
6 Small nail
7 A small freshwater fish related to the carp
8 Japanese robe
10 Just a single on the cricket field (3,3)
11 Riff-raff
12 Former Rus. state
16 Former US net giant: abbr.
19 Puts up with regardless
21 Nursery item
22 A quick swim
23 Nudges or jostles, in a way
24 Offhand
25 Medicinal salt of a halogen
26 Asphyxiate, strangle or suffocate
27 Adipose
30 Squire's demesne
31 Not suitable
32 Relating to gold
33 English princess
34 Footlike organ
36 Swamp critter
38 ___ apart : shredded to pieces, in a way?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	U		M	A	C	H			K	O	S
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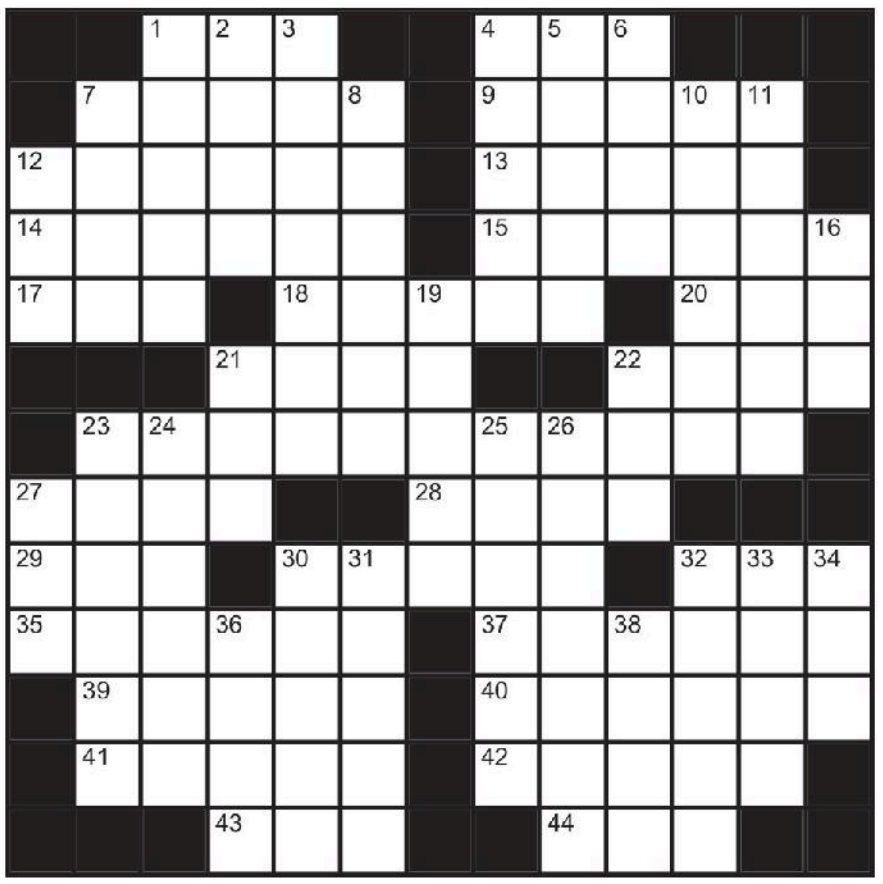

SUDOKU

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					6			7
			7				5	6
	6				4	3	9	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	9	4	1	2	3	6	5	7
6	2	5	4	8	7	9	3	1
1	3	7	9	6	5	2	4	8
3	8	1	5	9	4	7	2	6
2	5	6	8	7	1	4	9	3
4	7	9	2	3	6	8	1	5
7	6	2	3	5	9	1	8	4
5	4	8	7	1	2	3	6	9
9	1	3	6	4	8	5	7	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BEF RXVJBPJVH FYYFJB DY V KFHPFY PN BEF

XFVH BFNB DY PBN NDOUWUFNN.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Not believing in force is the same as not believing in gravity.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
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- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Ayalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Tiger 3 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Captain Miller (K) - 2 Shows; *Captain Miller (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Merry Christmas (H) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Hanu-Man (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Guntur Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	9.05 am, 3.50 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.25 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 7 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am, 4.05 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Captain Miller (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 1 pm, 10.20 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Hanu-Man (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm, 7.10 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	9.50 am, 4.45 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	3.45 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.00 am, 1.20 pm
		7.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	10.00 am, 4.00 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.55 pm,
		7.10 pm, 10:30 pm
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		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	3.35 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	12.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.05 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	3.35 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

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Merry Christmas (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.50 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	11.45 am, 3.30 pm, 10:00 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.20 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.00 pm, 10.30 pm

Inauguration of Viveka Study Centre on Jan. 19

A new destination for youths preparing for competitive exams

Mysuru, Jan. 17- Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, has come out with a new facility — **Viveka Study Centre** — for the youths preparing for the competitive examinations.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram was in the forefront providing 100 years of service in spiritual and educational fields through the Ashram, Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Viveka Shikshana, Gadhadar Abhyudaya Prakalpa for Government School students.

Now Viveka Study Centre is providing a peaceful spiritual environment with individual study table, comfortable seating, free high speed internet facility for the aspirants.

This Centre has a Library with reference books necessary for the competitive examinations besides various newspapers and magazines.

It also proposes to provide occasional training / crash courses for the benefit of the youths.

The Centre is situated in Abbhi Nivas behind Sri Ramakrishna Ashram and will be inaugurated on Jan. 19. The facilities are available between 9 am and 8 pm on all days.

All these are provided with a nominal cost of Rs. 100 per month and a refundable deposit of Rs. 500. Those interested to avail this facility can contact Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, on Mob: 70194-87367 or e-mail to ***Mysuru.vsc@gmail.com***

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 17)

- **Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana - Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** Samagra Ramayana Discourse Series - Pt. Sri Harishacharya Sanduru delivers discourse on 'Ayodhyakanda,' Sannidhana premises, Agrahara, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** 'Mysuru Sankranti Ranga Habba,' staging of play 'Parshwa Sangeeta' by Rangavalli, based on Srinivasa Vaidya's writings, directed by Prashanth Hiremath, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown:** Weekly Meeting and presentation of Rotary Mysore Midtown H. Ramachandregowda Memorial Progressive Farmer Award to Varsha Srikantaswamy (progressive farmer from Ummathur, Chamarajanagar) by Akashvani Programme Executive N. Keshava Murthy, Rotary Centre auditorium, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 18)

- **Government of Sharjah, UAE and Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India (ASSOCHAM) and Mysore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (MCCI):** Expand Your Business Globally through UAE - Interactive Session & One to One Meetings with Hamriyah Free Zone Authority; One to One Meetings, Boardroom, Fortune JP Palace, #3, Abba Road, Opposite Govt Guest House, Nazarbad, **10 am to 5 pm;** Interactive Session, Wodeyar Hall, Fortune JP Palace, **6 pm onwards.** [Mob: 96112-26411 or 96068-50246]
- **Bee9 Unit and Farmer's Beekeeping Academy and Training Centre:** Inauguration of Bee9 Unit and Farmer's Beekeeping Academy and Training Centre by Labour Minister Santosh S. Lad, MLAs K. Harishgowda, D. Ravishankar, Anil Chikkamadu & Darshan Dhruvanarayan, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra and film producer Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar; Bettakuruba Traditional Dance by Jaganakote Hadi, N. Beguru Post, H.D. Kote taluk, Plot #49/B, Block 4, Ring Road, Meenakunte, Hebbal, Industrial Estate, Hebbal, **11.30 am.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Lecture Series, Dr. Ravichandra, Guest Lecturer, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore (UoM), delivers lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Fundamental Rights,' Ramachandra, Warden, Government Post-Matric Boys (New) Students Hostel, Kuvempunagar, presides, Government Post-Matric Boys (New) Students Hostel premises, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana - Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** Samagra Ramayana Discourse Series - Pt. Sri Vyasatheerthacharya Kanavalli delivers lecture on 'Aranyakanda,' Sannidhana premises, Agrahara, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata - 11th Skanda,' Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Kaatera (K)	(S-2)	11.50 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	8.50 am
Merry Christmas (H)	(S-2)	8.55 am; (S-3) 7.05 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-3)	12.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Captain Miller (K)	(S-3)	3.45 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	3.30 pm; (S-4) 6.40 pm
Gunturu Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7 pm, 10.20 pm
Saindhav (Te)	(S-4)	9.10 am, 3.35 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	(S-4)	12.10 pm, 10.00 pm

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Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm
		4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	12.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.00 am, 7.00 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	9.05 am, 3.20 pm, 10:00 pm
Saindhav (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 7.00 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	:	10.30 pm

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